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1. INFLUENTIAL DAILY MILLIYET ON JANUARY 15 BEGAN PUBLISHING IN CENTER SECTION SERIES ENTITLED "THE INCREDIBLE WAR AGAINST THE POPPIES." SERIES (WHICH APPARENTLY WILL RUN SEVERAL MORE DAYS) IS TURKISH TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE BY EDWARD JAY EPSTEIN, FIRST PUBLISHED IN ESQUIRE AND LATER, WITH MINOR CHANGES, IN DECEMBER 22 WASHINGTON POST. (LATTER VERSION SEEMS TO BE ONE MILLIYET IS USING.) AS EXAMPLE OF TREATMENT OF ARTICLE'S SENSATIONAL ASPECTS, MILLIYET INSTALLMENT OF JANUARY 16 APPEARED UNDER HEADLINE: "LET'S BOMB SULTANAHMET MOSQUE--IN THE COMMITTEE THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO BOMB LEBANON. ROSSIDES WANTED TURKEY'S EXPULSION FROM NATO."

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2. COMMENT: MILLIYET IS ORDINARILY NOT RPT NOT SENSATIONALSIT

PAPER. HOWEVER, TOGETHER WITH EARLIER COVERAGE OF THIS STORY IN TURKIISH PRESS (REFTEL), CURRENT MILLIYET SERIES CALL PUBLIC ATTENTION TO OPIUM ISSUE IN MANNER WHICH CASTS U.S. ROLE IN UNFAVORABLE LIGHT. IT IS ATTRACTING CONSIDERABLE AND VERY ADVERSE ATTENTION.

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